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G. Special Register Processing

The Special Register (SR) ^{was} started in June 1951 established to

provide a central file of [redacted] reports and finished intelligence received or produced by CIA, and to provide indexes for document recovery, ~~and such other services as may be required~~. Using the EAM machine techniques available in OCR, SR also had to develop a specialized retrieval system tailored to the contents and security classification of the material received. The documents were processed to provide retrievability by subject, commodity, area, organization, personality and related data. The six major indexing systems developed for SR were designed to control a particular facet of information in the material being indexed and thus ^{facilitate} ~~provide~~ for code building and expansion. SR's basic philosophy was to provide some machine control over all published special-source documents received. The extent of this control varied from a simple header data system to title key-word control, to selected index control, and finally to highly specific and exhaustive indexing. SR analysts built dictionaries in machine language, and by frequent contact with other processing personnel as well as the requester himself, were able to adapt ^{greater} index records and develop ⁵⁰ a flexibility of service.

^{provisions} In April 1954 the [redacted] Branch was established in SR ^{per} ~~directives~~ of NSC Action # 169. Added to SR processing were the ^{25X1D} [redacted] reports on [redacted] in all foreign countries and these were machine indexed. The reports were analyzed and collated with information from collateral

intelligence sources in a continuing process of extracting the data ^{for incorporation into} ~~into~~ the master ^{25X1D} [redacted] summary files. ^{51 Insert} In June 1960, [redacted] Branch was abolished ⁵⁴ owing to Agency-wide ceiling reductions and lack of an agency with primary responsibility for managing Government ⁵⁵ ~~and~~ the files were transferred to the Industrial Register. ^{temporarily} ^{usage of} [redacted]

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* See item no. 2, this Chapter.

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